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Dear Paul,

Hasty thanks for your note of the 13th and the enclosed clip .

At least one of the Sirhan panel has a good reputation and at least one is a fink.

These guys have managed to contrive all eggs for a single basket, unwisdom since before our childhood. However, the probabilities are that the test firings can lead to more. I just don't like the quickie approach of the underinformed but undoubtedly sincere.

The ad for the JFK book does seem like a private printing but not only that. It is atypical. On the face it makes no sense unless the ad appeared out there only. The cost of going back to press, which varies with the process, is not so great that the ads can't soon eat it up. If funds are limited the same money used for sales would produce more.

Not knowing the selling price today for a book to appear in two months is not the norm with books.

It could be a gimmick.

As of the last I heard McDonald's book is to be printed by Zebra. This information is two weeks old. I've heard he will be in this part of the country in 2 weeks.

I appreciate your efforts. But don't knock yourself out to help me get Post Mortem out. I am going to be able to do it without help from the unwilling. After that I may have a few problems. I always do, which is what keeps me from producing more. I may with the coming need for reprinting some of the older books. They still sell daily without any advertising or solicitations. It is hard to even learn about me but the books are moving and the mail is a personal gratification.

I'm getting so optimistic I'm beginning to think of looking around for another typewriter for my wife. Living in the country this means one on which there can be good service. Her machine gets much use! She has worn two out in this work. That will have to wait while we husband every penny for Post Mortem and then for the re-printing but we are going to have to replace the second machine. It has been in the shop three time recently and still isn't right. But the great pressure on this part of the work on Post Mortem is past. Her big job remaining is the index. She starts her only regular work and our only regular income 1/2/76. It lasts until mid-April, when I hope to have another book ready. By then I'll have explored the machines with the ball that changes faces. Royal, which has good local service, has come out with one. One model only. Saw it this a m. when I was getting a new ribbon for mine.

With my worries about this book's appearance past (remaining on time, however) my greater concern is for the future and the even more difficult, some kind of foundation support for the continuation of the work and for the preservation and use of the files I've accumulated.

20th Century-Fox is doing the ABC special. All indications are the CBS will be as dishonest as in 1967. Do you know anyone at 20th Century? Not only can I help them if they are not going to fink - I can save them a fortune. I've done more than they'll be able to and I'm anxious to sell subsidiary rights.

I really have put together more than enough that is beyond question to cause a re-investigation. That ought be worth something to anyone doing a show now. Even on a taboo.

Thanks and best,